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Deputy Director's Staff Meeting

Monday, 5 February 1951

Mr. Dulles reported that the briefing of the Joint Chiefs of Staff covered only the item of obtaining information from JCS, and that there was some controversy as to whether CIA wasn't asking for too much operational information. He indicated that there would be a second briefing within about a week and that it would be desirable, if possible, to provide an agenda for this meeting.

It was reported that the letters to the Department of State on the delineation of functions between O/IR and O/RR had been dispatched.

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Mr. [] said that he thought it important to reach a policy decision on whether the agency intends to go all out in developing to its emergency strength or not. He pointed out that at the present time I & S could handle approximately [] clearances a month and that they are stepping up to handle [] clearances, but that [] almost immediately. It was decided that this matter would be discussed between [] and Mr. Dulles and would be raised at another meeting. Mr. [] suggested that it also involved a more major policy decision, and that was the extent to which the agency planned to get into covert operations.

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